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No *News* next week

There will be no *Financial Aid News* next week. We will have the latest information about the Legislature and state aid programs for you on Monday, March 1.

Legislative update

Lawmakers reach second bill cutoff

Lawmakers spent most of the past 10 days voting on bills recommended for passage by committees. Yesterday was the Legislature's self-imposed cutoff for bills to be passed by their house of origin, with the exception of legislation pertaining to the budget.

Several bills have been passed by their own houses and are moving forward, including:

- House Bill 1123, allowing for unspent financial aid funds from one fiscal year to be reserved for needy students in the next fiscal year
- House Bill 2708, providing for new conditional scholarships and loan forgiveness for prospective teachers
- Senate Bill 6165, allowing students with special needs to receive the Promise Scholarship at Oregon and Idaho colleges in counties bordering Washington

Some of the bills that we've been watching did not pass before the cutoff, including:

- Senate Bill 6071, extending tuition waivers and public employment retirement credits to veterans of the recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq
- House Bill 2843, allowing the University of Washington's branch campus in Bothell to evolve into its own four-year university
- Senate Bill 6332 and House Bill 2681, providing for performance contracts with public colleges and universities on a pilot basis

Of these bills, only one — SB 6071 — seems headed for legislative oblivion. Although the other bills also did not make the cutoff, the issues — providing performance contracts for state colleges and the evolution of UW Bothell into a separate four-year university — have enough legislative steam to keep them in motion this session.

And no proposal is ever really dead until lawmakers adjourn for the year. If a proposal finds new life in the remaining weeks of the session, we'll be sure to inform you. The 60-day session is scheduled to end March 11.

House moves ahead on strategic plan for higher education

The House on Saturday approved a concurrent resolution to guide the development of the state's Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education. The Higher Education Coordinating Board submitted an interim plan to the Legislature and the governor in December and must complete work on a final plan by June. The full Senate has not acted on its version of the resolution. The resolution is exempt from the legislative cutoffs.

Gov. Locke abandons legislative push for a \$1 billion education tax; organizers say they'll take the measure directly to the voters

Gov. Gary Locke has abandoned efforts to have the Legislature put a \$1 billion tax initiative for education on the November ballot.

Locke and the League of Education Voters introduced the proposal two weeks ago. Each year, the plan would provide \$400 million for higher education and financial aid, \$500 million for K-12 education, and \$100 million for preschool programs. A one-cent per dollar sales tax increase would fund the effort. You can find more about the proposal in the Feb. 9 issue of the [*Financial Aid News*](#).

Locke had asked the Legislature to present the proposal as a voter referendum in the general election. The plan, however, has gained little support from lawmakers. Roger Nyhus, a spokesman for the governor, told *The Seattle Times* that Locke won't push lawmakers to take on the issue.

The League of Education Voters, a non-profit organization that is one of the principal architects of the proposal, said it will work to place it on the ballot as a voter initiative. Nyhus said Locke will campaign on behalf of the initiative.

In order to make the November ballot, initiative supporters must gather the signatures of 197,734 registered voters by July 2.

Hearings on bills of interest — Feb. 18 – 20

Lawmakers are now starting to hear bills referred to them by the opposite house. You can listen to hearings — live or from the archives — on [TVW's Web site](#).

Wednesday, Feb. 18:

Senate Ways & Means Committee, 3:30 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 4

Public hearing, including:

- 2SHB 1123 — Allowing for the carry-forward of unspent financial aid funds from one fiscal year to the next

Executive session

Thursday, Feb. 19:

Senate Higher Education Committee, 10 a.m., Senate Hearing Room 3

Work session

Public hearing, including:

- HB 2707 — Reaffirming the mission of branch campuses
- HB 2708 — Conditional scholarships, loan forgiveness for prospective teachers

Friday, Feb. 20:

House Higher Education Committee, 8 a.m., House Hearing Room D

Work session

Public hearing, including:

- SB 6164 — Residency status for spouses/dependants of military personnel
- SB 6165 — Promise Scholarship provisions for students with special needs

Web sites for tracking and analyzing legislation

Full text of bills and supporting materials

www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/bills.cfm

Complete legislative hearing schedule

www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm

Live and archived Web broadcast of all hearings

www.tvw.org

HECB legislative session site

www.hecb.wa.gov/Leg/index.asp

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www.sbctc.ctc.edu/Legislative/CurrentLegSession.asp




Bills of interest by subject

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Washington Promise Scholarship					
SB 6165	Benton	Allows the HECB to establish rules for eligible students with special needs to receive the Promise Scholarship at Oregon and Idaho colleges in counties bordering Washington	✓		
Financial aid carry-forward					
E2SHB 1123	Kenney	Ensures that unspent financial aid funds at the end of a fiscal year are preserved for financial aid purposes through the creation of a dedicated account	✓		
Financial aid programs for teacher education					
HB 2708	Ormsby	As amended, redesigns an existing conditional scholarship program for prospective teachers pursuing certificates in mathematics, science, technology, special education, or bilingual education; lets the state make awards from appropriations, donations, and repayments to this and similar conditional scholarship programs for teachers; includes a loan repayment program for prospective teachers identified prior to graduation	✓		
Matters affecting military personnel					
SB 6164	B. Sheldon	Allows dependents and spouses of military personnel to maintain residency status when the service person is transferred out of state; student must be "continuously enrolled in a degree program"	✓		

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Concerning the Higher Education Coordinating Board					
SCR 8421	Carlson	Concurrent resolution to adopt or recommend changes or additions to the HECB 2004 Interim Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education; will guide the board's work in preparing the final version of the plan that is due in June			
HCR 4416	Kenney				
ESSB 6129	Carlson	As amended, establishes an advisory committee to the HECB that includes the Superintendent of Public Instruction and representatives from the community and technical college system, public research universities, public comprehensive universities, independent colleges and universities, proprietary schools, and two-year and four-year faculty; board to meet with committee at least quarterly			
SHB 3103	Kenney	As amended, revises statute authorizing HECB; clarifies focus, purpose of agency; revises policy functions; restructures financial aid statutes; establishes an advisory committee to the board that includes the Superintendent of Public Instruction, executive directors of other state education agencies, chair of the Council of Presidents, and representatives from two-year and four-year faculty			

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Branch campuses and new higher education institutions					
2SSB 5914	Carlson	Charges the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to conduct feasibility study for creation of baccalaureate and graduate degree opportunities in southwest Washington, including a possible new regional university	✓		
SHB 2707	Kenney	Reaffirms the mission of branch campuses and requires the HECB to adopt rules to ensure collaborative partnerships between branches and community and technical colleges; specifies that branches are responsible for upper-division and master's-level graduate education, except WSU Spokane, which may provide doctoral education	✓		
2SHB 2843	Sommers	As amended, allows UW Bothell to become a four-year university and offer lower-division coursework; an earlier provision to merge the branch university with Cascadia Community College has been dropped			
Other higher education proposals					
SSB 6332	Kohl-Welles	Introduced as companion bills; provide for performance contracts with institutions of higher education on a pilot basis			
SHB 2681	Kenney				
Supplemental operating appropriations					
SB 6187	Zarelli	Making supplemental operating appropriations for 2003-05			
HB 2459	Sommers	Making supplemental operating appropriations for 2003-05			